had a delicious Bavarian cream for dessert, served

"It is always awful to be found out," said the

"It was when I was war correspondent in Cuba."

"The was war correspondent of the she began"—"Oh, how exciting," said the Fluffy Girl. "Did you penegrate to the interior of the island."

"As far as a restaurant on the Gulf road that runs out of Havana. It was a perious under taking."

"Were you attacked?" asked the Typewriter Girl.

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"No; we were followed, but we threw them off the scent or we thought we did. You see there were seven American correspondents and I was the only girl and we all were great chums, you see and direct together each evening and talked over the day's news.

over the day's news.
"One day Temmy Yan Scoop called in and told

"keep to crimes."
"We had driven for nearly an hour and Tommy and how

they had no right to follow us in that way. He said to leave it to him that he'd put them off the

track.
"Their carriages all stopped when ours did,

the cable.

"They never said a word. Tommy was a beautiful liar—a perfect genius—and he let his voice break as he called after them to please notify the papers if we were arrested or killed or anything. Then we went on and had the dinner and drove back to the hotel at 7:30. They were all solemnly finishing dinner and of course we had to act as though we had had none. I said I wasn't hungry; but they made Tommy take soup three times. Then he said:

"There was nothing in that story, after all.

FISHING PARTIES ON THE ICE.

and Other Canadian Cities.

## PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS. | Hid. | Asked. | Hid. | Asked. | Camb Steel | 22 | 224 | Phila Trao | 97 | 97% | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 10 E Sto Bat c 81 - WNY42 75 75 75 EAP F4s. 994 100 Weist Ob. 44 45 Leb V H. H. 125% 26 Weis C c ... 10 Marsden .. 12% 12% Wels C p ... 56 Pens RR.. 65% 65%

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Anaconda	8%	Norfolk & Wpf	734
Atchison	21	Northern Pacific	54%
Atchison pf	65%	Northern Pacific pf	77%
Belt & Ohio	634	Ontario & West	23%
Balt & Ohio pf	78%	Pennsylvania	664
Canadian Pacific	99%	Reading	94
Chesapeake & Ohio	30%	Reading 1st pf	28%
Denver & R.O	18%	Reading 2d pf	14%
Denver & K @ pf	724	St. Paul	22%
Erie	1 1 34	South, Railway	12%
Erie 1st pf	34%	South . Railway pf.	57%
Illinois Central	115%	Southern Pacido	40%
Kansas & Texas	10%	Union Pacido	48%
Louisville & Nash.	813	Union Pacido pt	774
New York Central.	138	Wabash pf	21%

Final sales compared with those of yester-

day as foli	OWH:				
	Feb 2.	Feb. 8.	1	Feb. 2.	Feb. 8.
A.TRSP.	20%	20%	N & W	25%	26%
A. FAS Fp.		63%	NAWp	71	71%
Am C Oil	34%	344	N'west com	161%	163%
Am & I	118	115%	Nor Pac c.	53	53%
Am Tob	103%	1034	Nor Pacp	75%	75%
Brook R T.	75%	75%	N Y Con 1	344	134%
B&O	624	624	NJ Cen	118	117%
Can 80	49%	49%	O & West	23	22%
Can Pac		97%	Peod & O !	108	1073
C.C.C& St L	614	61%	Pac Mail	434	43%
C. B& Q	124%	124%	Rock Isl	08%	109%
Con Gas Co	190	191	Reading	18%	184
Ches & O.	294	29%	Read 1st p	55%	56
Ch Gt W	13%	13%	St Paule !	119%	120%
D&R Gp.	69%	69%	SoRailway.	124	124
Erie 1st p	33%	33%	So R'y p	E U%	564
Gen Elec	124	128	StLSWp.	2016	284
Gt North p.	158	160	Stan R & P	8%	8%
Em & Tp.	334	33%	Tenn Ckt.	99	99
Lou&Nash.	79%	704	Union Pas.	474	47%
LE& Wp.	83%	85	Union Pp.	75%	75%
Man Con	964	96%	US Rub	38	39
M & St L	64	644	U S Lea	16%	16%
Mo Pac	45%	4534	US L p	76	76
Met St Ry !	724	172%	W & P p	214	21
Nat Lead	274		W Un Tel.,	86%	864
North Am.	14%	1476	WhaLE.	10%	1039
Sale:					

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway and other bonds strong and active. The features were Colorado Midand 24 s. Norfolk and Western 4s. Peoria and Eastern 1sts. San Antonio and Aransas Pass 4s. Union Pacide 4s. Wisconsin Central 1st 4s. Atchison. Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Iron Mountain, Mexican Central, Missouri Pacific, Northern Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern, Wabash and Western New York and Pennsylvania issues. vania issues.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 60%c. Bar silver in London closed at 27%d. Mexican silver dollars were quoted at 47%c.

At 475c.

Money on call, 24@25 per cent. Time money is offered freely at 4 per cent, for three to four months on half railway and half industrial stocks, and at 32 per cent, for four months on prime dividend stocks and bonds. Commercial paper is in good demand. Rates are 4@15 per cent, for prime single names and bills receivable and 44.@55 per cent, for other grades.

Foreign exchange market closed dull at unchanged quotations. Posted rates are: Long bills, \$4.85; sight drafts, \$4.88%. Actual rates are: Long bills, \$4.84% 4.84%; sight drafts, \$4.87% 4.84% 7.84% 7.484% 6.84% 1.84%

for long, and 40%@40 7-16 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston-par, Charleston-Buying, par; selling, 5 premium. Savannah-Buying, par; selling, 5 premium. Savannah-Buying, par; selling, 5 premium; commercial, 50c. discount. San Francisco-Sight, 15c. premium; telegraph, 175c. premium. St. Louis-25c. premium. Chicanati-Between banks, 25c. premium; over counter 50c. premium.

counter, 50e, premium. The weekly statement of averages of the Clearing House banks shows:

The United States Envelope Company has declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on its preferred stock payable March 1.

Railway gross earnings for January com-pared with those of the same month last year are as follows: 

Wheeling and Lake Erie. 81,374 Inc. 27,163
The St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad
peports gross earnings for December of \$105,
675, an increase of \$4,179 as compared with
the same month of the pravious year and net
\$31,385, an increase of \$7,700. For the six
months ending Dec. 31, the gross earnings
were \$761,302, an increase of \$108,470 as
compared with the corresponding period of the
pravious year and net \$205,341, an increase of
\$48,700. Interest on funded debt was \$52,
500, leaving a surplus of \$154,441, an increase
of \$29,200.
The Indiana, Illinois, and Jowa Beilroad.

The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad reports gross earnings for December of \$14,935, an increase of \$26,272 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net \$33,512, an increase of \$5,789. For the six months ending Dec. 31 the gross earnings were \$552,391, an increase of \$139,030 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net \$158,393, an increase of \$17,782.

\$17.782.

The St. Paul and Duluth Railroad reports gross earnings for December of \$127.143, a decrease of \$11.283 as compared with the same month of the previous year, and net \$27.550, a decrease of \$11.324. For the six months ending Dec. 31, the gross earnings were \$1,115, 677, an increase of \$13.147 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net \$421,493, an increase of \$86,408.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and net \$421,493, an increase of \$86,408.

Charges Int. (less 5.764,407 6,297.647 Dec. 533,240 creditm) 5.764,407 6,297.647 Dec. 533,240 Total.... \$5,966,907 \$6,499,647 Dec. \$582,740 Balance for stock. \$8,879,118 \$6,588.786 Inc. \$2,340,330 Dividends.. 3,718,832 3.521,581 Inc. 197,251 Balance . \$6.160,284 \$3,017,205 Inc \$2.143,079 New equip. 1,000,000 ..... Inc. 1,000,000

Surplus . \$4,160,284 \$8,017.205 Inc. \$1,143,079

The Central Crosstown Bailroad Company reports for quarter ended Dec. 31: | 1899. | 1898. | Changet. | 1898. | Changet. | 1898. | Changet. | 1997. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 1998. | 199 Net earnings. \$51,813 \$54,645 Dec. \$2.882 Other Income... 1,408 1,179 Inc. 224 Total income. \$53,218 \$55,824 Dec. \$2,808 Fixed charges. 27,389 27,482 Dec. 93

Net income. \$25,827 \$28,342 Dec. \$2,515 To Enlighten Jorsey City on the Water The general balance sheet shows cash on hand \$4.882, and a profit and loss surplus of \$15.633.

The receipts of the Government to-day were: Customs, \$709,584: internal revenue, \$1,037,-194, and miscellaneous, \$295,892, a total of \$2,043,640. The disbursements were \$1,570,000, an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$473,640. The receipts of the fiscal year have been \$338,044,472, and the disbursements \$307,820,130, an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$4,332. The official count of cash in the Treasury to-The official count of each in the Treasury to

The official count of each in the Freakury forday compared with that of last Saturday:

| Jan 87. | Sept. | Se United States Notes.
Utherassets less demand liabilities. 41,719,391 46,658,580

Available cash balance including gold reserve. \$289,489,614 \$292,880,887

Money in London, 2 per cent. Rates of dis-sount in open market for short and three

months' bills, \$3%@3% per cent. Paris advices quoted 2 per cents, at 100 francs 67% centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 10% centimes.

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, Feb. 3.-GRAIN - Wheat - Spot quiet; sales, 80,000 bush., including 60,000 for export here and at the outports. No. 2 red, in elevator, 1c. over May. No. 1 Northern Duluth, 4 Kc. over; No. 1 hard, 6 Kc. over, Northwestern receipts were 347 cars, against 289 last week and 602 last year; Chicago, 27, against 25 last week and 114 last year. Futures closed &c. lower. Sales, 835,000 bush.

Prices as follows:

est. est. May ... 74% 74% 74% 74% 74% July ... 74% 74% 74% 74% 74% 7414 

Wheat, Corn. Oats, Rye. Barley.

Receipts... 28,000 44,850 27,300 ..... 19,500 Exports... 225,585 615 20,807 26,931 Receipts. . 29,400 428,292 200,440 3,750 89,000

Chicago:
Receipts. 29.400 428,202 200.440 3,750 89,000
Shipments 71,209 156,228 278,570 6,703 52,812
Wheat was depressed by disappointing cables small experts, some foreign selling and renewed liquidation at the West St. Louis sold at Chicago. Liverpool declined is to bed, and Paris 5 centimes for wheat and flour. The seaboard clearances were small at 310,000 bush. Partof the loss was recovered toward the close on covering of shorts. The receipts continued light, and Berlin rose be, and Antwerp bef. The primary markets received for the week 2,273,000 oush, acainst 2,235,000 in the previous week and 4,001,050 list year. Broomhall estimates the world's shipments at 5,200,000 bush and predicts that the quantity on passage will show a moderate increase. Corn was firmer in spite of increased receipts. Liverpool advanced by 0 bed. Chicago reported a better ship-1 ing demand and Liverpool cabled that the Argentina croop has been scriously damaged by dry weather. The clearances were 523,403 bush. Primary receipts were 4,326,000 bush for the week against 2,875,000 in the previous week and 6,105,000 isst year. Oars sympathized with corn.

FLOUE,—Dull but teady. Sales, 5,000 bils. Receipts were 8,344 bils. and 8,74 sacks; exports, 7,74, bils, and 2,502 sacks. Winter in bils: Superfine, \$2,356,\$2,60; clears, \$3,568,\$2,60; straights, \$6,300,\$3,40; shearing \$3,500,\$3,60; spring in bils: Clears, \$2,000,\$3,10, straights, \$6,300,\$3,40; ments, \$3,500,\$3,60; straights, \$6,300,\$3,40; ments, \$3,500,\$3,60; straights, \$6,300,\$4,60; with a straights, \$6,200,\$3,40; shears, \$3,760,\$3,50; patents, \$3,700,\$3,60; clears, \$3,500,\$3,60; spring in bils: Clears, \$2,000,\$3,10, straights, \$6,300,\$3,60; shears, \$6,100, last year. Aw orleans, and Guif, \$6,100, against \$6,100, last year, \$6,000, shears, \$6,100, last year, \$6,000, shears, \$6,100, last year, \$6,000, shears, \$6,000, shears, \$6,100, shears, \$6,000, shears, \$6,

utures advanced 1 2 to 5 points, closing very steady. The movement to-day was as follows:

Monday .. 12,000 to 13,000 14,958 Houston 6,093 6,947 2,968
Total 13 towns 11,800 12,344 9,475
Total shipments 15,984 23,337 17,368 Houston est. Mon-

day ...... 6.000 to 7,000 7.663 Augusta shipped to-day 1.671 bales: Memphis, 1.710, St. Louis, 2,337 and Houston, 5.575. New Orleans advanced 10 points, but reacted. Fort experis, 51,612 bales. Futures here attanced 6 to 7 points, but reacted and closed irregular and easy

February ..... 8.04 7.96 7.95@7.97 7.95@7.95 7.4897.45

ondare your stock of the surplus a year ago was \$37.45.650. The surplus a year ago was \$37.45.650. The imports of general merchandise, including dry goods, at the port of New York last week were \$13.091.514 against \$9.034.624 the previous week and \$7.850.310 for the corresponding week of last year. The imports of specie for the week were \$450.4810 of which \$437.432 was gold, making total specie were gold \$7.4500 and silver \$1.138.781, a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.131 reviews week are \$445.482 to and \$7.850.331 for the week were received from Parish to arrive, which arrive, when the carries were received from Parish to arrive, when the carries were received from Parish to arrive, when the species were sponding week of last year. The imports of specie for the week were \$445.482 to arrive, \$450.342 to a sold, making total specie were fold \$7.8000 and silver \$1.138.781, a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$445.482 to a sold, making total specie were fold \$7.8000 and silver \$1.138.781, a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$445.482 to a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week a year. The imports of specie were fold \$7.8000 and silver \$1.138.781, a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$445.482 to a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$445.482 to a total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$450.3424 to total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$450.3424 to total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$450.3424 to total of \$1.216.781 against \$1.118.1331 reviews week were \$1.300.781, and \$1.180.331 reviews week were \$1.300.781, and \$1.218.1331 reviews week were \$1.300.781, and \$1.180.331 reviews week were \$1.300.781, and \$1.300.781,

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	LOLLO WAY	Sales.	High at.	Lowe t.	Cloting
ļ	January		11274		7.70 6
l	February		****		7.05%
	March		7.15	7.15	7.1567
	April	*****	*****	11.12.4	7,2007
	May		7.80	7.25	7.3007
į	June		71717	11176	7.85
ì	July		7.40	7.30	7.400
į	August		*****		7.4567
	September		7.50	7.40	7,509.7
	October			Kenne	7.5007
İ	November		21211	*	7.5567
ĺ	December		7.65	7.65	7.650

and net \$421,489, an increase of \$86,408.

The Chicago and North western Railway Company reports for December:

1898. Changes.

Gross earn \$3,312,849 \$5,803,965 Inc. \$8,834

Expenses. 2.040,181 1.908,244 Inc. 153,937

Net earn \$1,252,648 \$1.897,721 Dec. \$145,058

For twelve months ended Dec. 31:

Gross earn \$42,007,761 \$37,496,880 Inc. \$4,309,781

Expenses. 20,460,738 24,458,547 Inc. 2,502,191

Net earn \$14,846,023 \$18,035 432

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TOLD IN SECRET SESSION.

BACHELOR GIRLS CONFESSION CLUB DISCUSSES FRAUDS.

The Little Deceptions That Are Practised -Women Not Successful as Great Crimi-nals-A Matter of Ages-Home-Made Quotations-Little Frauds at Dinners. The Bachelor Girls Confession Club were holding an important meeting behind closed doors. The subject of the evening's discussion had been announced by mail to each member It

carefully closed the Chinese joss sticks were lighted and the President called the meeting to order. "This being a strictly secret session," she said, "it is possible for us to discuss this somewhat delicate subject freely and without reserve. We

After seeing that all windows and doors were

was "Frauds That I Have Perpetrated."

are all aware that many crises arise in every life when it is necessary to resort to deception or fraud-unconsciously perhaps"-"Not always unconscious," said the Fashion Illustrator, looking at some pictures she had just done, labelled "The Newest Thing in Opera

plan and execute successful frauds. We deliberately determine to deceive"-A low murmur of indignation swept the meeting

Cloaks." "There are times when we deliberately

like an electric vibration. "I see that you all look indignant," she went on, "but that also is a fraud, for you know in your hearts, that not one of us is entirely truthful." "Will the member please speak for herself?" suggested the girl who taught Sunday school,

somewhat stiffly. "For instance," went on the Fashion Illustrator, "how many of you have never used face powder? All who never used even an eenty

teenty dab raise their right hands."

or deception. We are worse than men, for all our frauds are small ones. There never was a really great woman criminal." She said this almost with regret, as though

it were something that would have added distinction to the sex.

"How about Lucretia Borgia and Catherine of Russia and --and"--began the Girl Librarian.
"Simple forms of hysteria," said the Schoolteacher; "their crimes were all inspired by men and perhaps aided and abetted by them. They were the result of love, jealously or pique, but you cannot find in the pages of history one gen-

said the Typewriter Girl. The members groaned in unison, and some one brought out a box of chocolate peppermints and passed it silently. "We were averaging up the age of the Gradua-

ting Class," went on the Typewriter Girl: "and of course each girl took off at least four years." "I can recollect that," said the Fluffy Girl, who

"I can recollect that," said the Fluffy Girl, who had been in the same class. "I was always dreadfully bad at figures; couldn't add two and two without a pad and a pencil. The Professor knew this and he changed his question when he came to me and threw out all my calculations. He asked all the other girls: 'How old are you?'"

"And we all lied promptly and easily," said the Typewriter Girl, "and he knew it, but it was good for the college to have such a young class."

"But when he came to me," said the Pluffy Girl, "he said: 'And now, Miss Penelope, what year were you born in?' I had the answer all ready for: 'How old are you?' but this new way of putting the question called for hasty mental 

Girl. "Your face was a study! Then you got A Popular Winter Amusement at Quebec

the President. "It sounds as though it might | perk or liver.

moment when there was no time to cook anything. It used to drive me wild!

"One day one of those messages came and the maid suggested sending to the Uplate Club for some things. She said she used to live with a lady who always did this when she had company, so I sent her up and got an elaborate menuand an exquisite dessert.

"Then I put candles on the table so they couldn't see very well and I dressed in a hurry and when they came in I said they must put up with what I had prepared and I joked about being a cooking school scholar and I joked about being a cooking school scholar and I joked about being a cooking school scholar and I joked about being a cooking school scholar and I joked about being a being able to invite your friends in to take pot luck. Then his friend would say if they knew any girl that could cook like that he would go right out and propose to her. The sa'nd dressing was just as good as the Chef at the Uplate Club made."

"But I had to confess finally one night when I had a delicious Bayarian cream for dessert, served AS TO WOMEN WHO SMOKE WHY THEY ARE NOT TO BE CLASSI-

FIED IN A SINGLE GROUP. Like Men Who Smoke There Are Amons Them Persons of Widely-Differing Degrees of Respectability-"The Absent Minded Beggar" Ruled Out-Costly Costumes of Metropolitan Prima Donnas.

After a judicial opinion on the character of a roman who powders comes more illumination on the propriety of women's conduct. One police magistrate gave his opinions on the subject of smoking women, but as these were personal rather than official, they have no greater value than what any man might say on the subject. had a delicious Bavarian cream for dessert, served in frilled rapercases. As issual my cooking was being extelled when Tom passed me one of the cases upside down on a spoon.

"They really are much better than those they have at the club," he said. "The last I had there were a little cheesy. These I see are quite fresh."

"Then I saw on the reverse of the case the club monogram and the date. It was an awful moment."

women in New York could be counted there would be very little difficulty in furnishing statistical Newspaper Girl. "I receilect once, planning a deliberate deseption and carrying it through almost with eatire success. It was his fault that we were ever found out."

The silence graw intense. No matter how desperate an experience the other girls might relate the Newspaper Girl was good for a worse one. cigarette smoking for a woman, but it is entirely impossible to classify under one head women who smoke eigarettes. It would need only a casual experience of the world to convince anybody that the women of title abroad who smoke cigarettes, that the mothers of families in this country who indulge in the same habit and the unmarried women who like to smoke the cigarettes of the kind made for women's use, are none the less ladies because they enjoy this habit. Culture, refinement, modesty and good breeding are not thrown away utterly when a woman lights a cigarette and smokes it, in

teenty dab raise their right hands."

There was a dead silence. Not a hand was raised. The President saw an opportunity for a sensation. "How many of you," she said sternly and tensely, deepening her voice to an impressive whisper, "have not at this moment powder puffs concealed in your pocketbooks and elsewhere?"

There was another silence, so thick that you could almost see it, until the Typewriter Girl relieved the situation.

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"Then there are pin curis and puffs and switches," she said, "and padded gowns. We are all more or less guilty of some form of fraud or deception. We are worse than men, for all it is quite as just to say that the women wh "We had driven for nearly an hour and Tommy was still enthusing about the restaurant and how you had dinner on a balcony with roses growing over it when suddenly we heard the rumbling of wheels behind us and looking back saw four volantes coming along slowly after us as though it were a funeral. Who do you thinkit was:"
"Spanish spies," said the Typewriter Girl and the Medical Student at once.
"No—the other five correspondents and I said they must have come as a loke and we'd simply cigarette smoker must also be excluded from the right to claim that title. Women smokers coming under the observation of the magistrate are, like all other women in his professional experience. of a kind not commended by their virtue They are there for theft, drunkenness or disorderly they must have come as a joke and we'd simply have to invite them to go along. But he said he'd be blessed if he'd ask them to come; that they had no right to follow us in that way. He conduct, and, naturally, they are not ladies, even in the literally accepted significance of that word, else they would not, under such circumstances, appear in a police court. And yet it is scarcely reasonable to deny them that title merely because "Their carriages all stopped when ours did, and we used around and when we reached them they smoke cigarettes. When they pick pockets they began to talk about the beautiful afternoon it was for a drive, but Tommy said."

Now look here, boys—you may think this is a loke but Miss Spacerate has a tip right from the Palace and it you come along it will spell grace that they put into a lie."

"I distinctly recollect telling one about my age," and the Typewriter Girl. The members groaned in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they forfeit their right to that title in the pick pockets or get drunk they smoke cigarettes. When they give drunk the flex should the pick pockets or get drunk the flex should the pick pockets. istrate and it was not divulged in the course of their examination for serious breaches of conduct that they smoke cigarettes, they would none the less, be undeserving of the right to be called ladies. If their conduct was irreproachable in other parriculars they would certainly not lose claim to that name merely because they smoked cigarettes. The dissipated woman who is given over to tobacco as she is to liquor or any other vice, is not beyond the pale merely because she smokes cigarettes and the includence of that habit to a moderate extent if she were free from other faults, would never get if she were free from other faults, would never get if she were free from other faults, would never get her into trouble. Any attempt to discuss the subject emphasizes the possibility of any general division of wemen who snoke. From the old Irish granny with her pire down to the woman of breeding and culture with her fine Turkish cigarette there is no loss of dignity so long as every other necessary quality for it is present. It would seem that no loss of self-respect accompanies such an indulgence. The woman addicted to cigarettes as a part of her vicious life is an entirely different phase of the question, and there are no circumstances under which it could be claimed that she is entitled to the consideration due a lady.

Few persons realize how near Mrs. Langtry came to rectting "The Absent Minded Beggar" at a certain smart and satirical social function which took place only a few weeks ago. The husband of the hostess was at that time on a trip in the West. His wife wanted a sensation for her party. It was intimated to her in a roundabout way that the English beauty and actress would be very happy to speak this little nices in her drawing recovered. all knew the struggle that you were having trying to subtract dates. Finally—

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a crude, hard tint that is a constant affront to the a crude, hard that that is a constant affront to the eye, and when it comes into contrast with M. Saleza's light purple legs, the colors fairly shrick at one another. The women mentioned here have all reached a place on the stage which makes it possible for them to do as they want in the matter of dress, and they can afford to buy as many as they desire and wear them as rarely. If they are given sometimes to excessive elaboration, there are other singers who err as much on the wrong side.

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A young German prima denna, who promises to be one of the features of the Metropolitan season, made her debut in a costume that was enough to have injured any singer's prospects. It was a great tribute to her genius that she got through with any credit, for a less tasteful and more unbecoming garb could not have been devised. The lines of the tight-niting wast distorted her figure, and its natural curves were thrown into the artificial disarrangement that only bad German stays could cause. A still skirt hung grace-lessly in accordion pleats about her and long flowing sleeves without artistic outlines hung from her shoulder. It would, of course, be impossible for anybody ever to persuade this young woman that her dress was not of precisely the proper kind. To possess complete satisfaction with her costumes is one trait of the prima donna. She would doubtless say that all the others were overdressed and that her's was the only appropriate one. There might be some show of reason in that, but, if she could only be persuaded that her natural beauty would be greatly enhanced by artistically designed costumes, that she is compelled to challenge comparison at the Metropolitan with women who give a great deal of thought and money to theirstage dressing, and that she is bound to suffer in this contrast, her prospects would be far better and her triumph would come more quickly. Before she devotes her attention to the question of design and color, it would be advantageous to her to have some good friend whisper in her ear that the American idea of figure is different from the German, and that neding in our eyes so robs a woman's figure of physical allure as stiff, high, German corsets, which yield to the natural curves only where they should not and throw out of its proper and

sets, which yield to the natural curves only where they should not and throw out of its proper and natural symmetry every line of the figure. FUNERALS IN NEW ORLEANS. A War Going On Between Friends of the

Old Regime and the New. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2 - A fierce war, im possible anywhere else in the country, is now as "death posters," the odd httle hills to be found type is equally true. When a woman smokes a lacked on every lampnost or telegraph pole and cigarette on the stage her usual object is to show every vacant board in the city announcing the death of Mr. So and So, giving his birthplace, &c., the hour of his funeral and inviting friends and acquaintances to participate in the ceremonies. The war has been brought about by the proposition of a member of the City Council to prohibit the posting of funeral notices in public places on the ground that it produces most unfavorable impressions on strangers and visitors. The proposition is resisted, as this custom is of the greatest antiquity. Conservatism is very strong here; the disposition of people is to do as their fathers and grandfathers did; and there is a very general resentment at the constantly repeated demand that old customs and habits should be abandoned here lest they might offend or be misunderstood I by strangers. Such radical changes, they declare, have been made in the last ten years, so many cherished privileges surrendered, that New Orleans will soon lose all its peculiarities and drop down to the dead level of the average Dare Devil... Western or Southern town. The duel has been abandoned in deference to this new sentiment, the throwing of flour and confetti on the carnival prohibited, a Sunday law enforced on the least Sanday-observing community in the world, and a hundred other changes insisted on to make New

marches were almost universal, but that was complained of by people living on the streets leading to the cemeteries, who said that Sunday, the usual day for funerals in New Orleans, was made hideous by a constant succession of funeral parades, playing the dead march from "Saul," and other lugulatious times. As for the expense, it has become at times so heavy as to swallow up most of the estate of poor people, and the Catholic clergy have more than once interfered and urged that, in the interest of the widow and the orbhans, the funeral be less elaborate and expensive.

Among the crooles the practice prevails of wearing mourning for even distant relatives, and there is a funeral etiquette which determines just how long first and second mourning shall be for uncles, aunts, cousins, &c. Strangers are always struck by the large number of creole women in mourning, and even this is objected to by the advocates of new customs on the ground that it produces an unfavorable impression giving rise to the idea that New Orleans is very unhealthful, and that it suffers from a large number of deaths, whereas in consequence of the intermarriage of creole families a single death may plunge several hundred persons in mourning. But the respect which New Orleans feels for the dead is best shown on all Saints'

ber of deaths, whereas in consequence of the intermarriage of creole families a single death may plunge several hundred persons in mourning. But the respect which New Orleans feels for the dead is best shown on All Saints' Day, which ranks next to Mardi Gras as the city's great holiday. The entire population visits the cemeteries to decrate the graves with flowers and other emblems, and spends the day there in communion with the dead.

Few customs have yielded less to innovations than these in regard to funerals, hence the proposition of Mr. Moss to make it a misdemeanor to invite persons to funerals by sticking up posters has raised a storm of protest, and the whole battle between the old regime and the new will be fought over. When first introduced, two weeks ago, the ordinance was tabled in the Council, so strong was the sentiment against it, but it has come up again this week, reenforced in strength. Strange to say, the undertakers are generally against it. They say that it adds considerably to the expense of funerals to pest these death notices all over the city. Moreover, it is no longer necessary, as all deaths and notices of funeral are published in the papers. As it is, the death posters are not taken down and remain tacked an the posts and boards perhaps for months until the weather removes them. The consequence is that a large number accumulate, and give the impression of much sickness and a very heavy mortality. It is as though people would see crape hung on every other door.

The death poster has been somewhat modified of late years. Originally it was of the usual mourning paper pattern, with some funeral scene on it, perhaps a hearse, a tomb with weeping willows over it or something else of a character to suggest death. The old posters were so varied as to be interesting, and as high as \$30 has been paid for a collection of them. Latterly these posters and mortuary mottoes and poetry have gone out of fashion, and they merely give the formal notice of death and funeral and an invitation to friends, the man these in regard to funerals, hence the proposition of Mr. Moss to make it a misdemeanor to in this persons to funerals by stucking up poters have resed a storm of process and the whole battle over. When first introduced, two weeks ago, the ordinance was tabled in the Council, so strong was the sentiment against it, but it has some un again this week, rendroced in strength. Strange to say, the undertakers are generally on the cyteness of funerals to pest these death of the council of the c

for mankind.

When Dixon died, to the surprise of his friends, who were eagerly looking forward with the expectation of becoming the proud possessor of the Dixon pie, he willed all of his property of this two half-breed sons, Julien and Charley. They divided the property equally, Charley taking for his part the old homestead and several thousand acres of adjoining land. Julien at once erected a beautiful and costly residence about two miles from Sparta, where he now resides. Julien has proved to be as prosperous and successful as his late father and now owns about \$100,000 in real estate and bonds. Charley turned out to be quite a different sort of a fellow. A short time after his father's death he married the daughter of Bishop Holsey, the noted negro divine, and, soon deserting her, contracted all of the bad habits and vicus that his wealth enabled him to afford. He soon went from had to worse, and after a short but shining career in the world of vice and dissipation had to sell the remnant of the once vast estate, now almost in ruin, to pay his debts. He is now an emaciated wreck, living in a little house on the negro suburbs of Sparta—a morphine flend and a relic of better days.

A colossal monument in the Sparta Cemetery, built of Georgia granite, marks the last resting place of the late David Dixon, the most skilful and successful farmer of his time and generation in the State.

From the Philadelphia Press.

"You don't get much chance to ride your wheel this weather."
"I guess you almost forget you have a wheel, "Oh, no! I'm still paying the installments."

you are naturally interested in the condition of the market. The Bun gives this each day is its entirety.—Ada.

TRACY ON HORSE BREEDING TROTTING RECORDS ANALYZED BY FORMER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Electioneer and George Wilkes the Most Potent Ancestral Factors in the Production of Trotters, He Says-Facts About the Crack Campaigners of Last Year. Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy has just published a catalogue of the trotting horses which he has been collecting for several years past in forming his new Marshland Stud at Stony Ford, in Orange county. There are fifty-two animals, and it does not take the student of horse lore long to learn that the former Secretary of the Navy is a firm believer in the prepotency of Hambletonian's two great sons, George Wilkes and Electioneer. Thirtyfive of the Marshland trotters are descendants of George Wilkes, and fourteen have the blood of Electioneer, while sight trace their inharteence to

both of these trotting sires. In the introduction to the catalogue, which was written by Gen. Tracy himself, he tells his friends in the horse world why he pins his faith so strongly to the blood of George Wilkes and Electioneer in trying to breed 2:10 trotters at Marshland. His marshalling of the statistics of harness racing, with the forceful deductions therefrom, read like a lawyer's argument before the Court of Appeals, and incidentally disclose the fact that the General finds time to study very closely the doings of the trotters on the turf. Some new facts, which will be read with surprise by all horsemen, are brought to light in this analysis of the teachings of the records. He says:

"Electioneer and George Wilkes are to-day the most potent ancestral factors in the production of harness speed. Their combined families carried no further than the second generation now numher over 3,150 standard performers, of which Electioneer has 958. Hambletonian and Nutwood are the only other two sires that approach this in numerical strength, with a total of nearly 2,700. But Hambletonian's total for his sons and daughters is practically completed; while there are sons and daughters of George Wilkes not older than 17, and some of Electioneer's are as young -a 9 years. The book will not be closed on the well of Electioneer's sons and daughters for twenty

years, nor on Wilkes's for ten years more. "It is, however, when dealing with the highest class of racehorse speed, that the influences of class of facehorse—speed, that the influences of Electioneer and Wilkes are pre-eminent. Take last season's 2:10 speed. That is a live test—a crucial test of present fitness. The 2:10 pacers of 1899 are a brilliant band and we find that forty-two are of Wilkes and Electioneer descent as against thirty-eight without either. Twenty-one lowered previous 2:10 records, and thirteen are from Wilkes descendants, or over 60 per cent are from whites descendants, or over on per cent.—
a comparative index of training-on capacity.
"Turn to the great trotters of 1899, and the superiority of these two stallions is still more pronounced. Here are the 2 10 trotters that were out last season:

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The Electioneer

for Their Encounters. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 2.-Two badly battered schooners were towed in here to-day and both reported having been struck by a waterspout. They are the Sarah J. Tyler, Capt. Vetra, and the Eddie, Capt. Thomas. Both were bound from Baltimore to Norfolk with coal. The Eddie fared worst. Capt. Thomas said that something, he could not tell what, struck his schooner shortly after noon yesteriag; as she nearesthe Horseshoe in Chesapeake 537. The captain was thrown, without warning, to the deck and stunned. When he recovered he found that his hip was severely hurt and a torrent of water was pouring off the Eddle's decks. Her foresail was missing, her jib burst and her skrouds were soon sheeted with ice, which covere her from masthead to deck when she came in. The crew said the vessel ran into a waterspout, which burst when she struck it. The Tyler, which was some miles away, reported almost the same experience; several of her sai's were burst when the waterspout hit her. Both vessels came to appear after the accident and repaired their injuries as best they could. They later proceeded and tugs picked them up and towed them in here. die fared worst. Capt. Thomas said that some-